

Town of Odessa

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2009 - 7:00 PM OLD ACADEMY BUILDING

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Mayor Kathy Harvey
Council Member Betts Jackson
Council Member Lindsay Rice
Council Member John Freeman
Council Member Bob Grove

Secretary Barbara Roberts

6 community members, Transcript, Delaware State Police

- I. Pledge of Allegiance & meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Delaware State Police Report
 - a. Lt. Wallace presented the police report for the month of November. Attached hereto as attachment A.
- IV. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting Mayor & Council 11/2/09

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO
APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 11/2/09 REGULAR MEETING OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS
- V. Correspondence
 - a. Response letter to T. Lynch, Attached hereto as attachment B
 - b. Appoquinimink School District – Two letters from residents expressing their opinions on the expansion. Attached hereto as attachments C & D
- VI. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance Sheet – attached hereto as attachment E
 - 1. The Mayor noted that because of increased electric rates, the cut in Municipal Street Aid and a need to maintain a balance in the

PNC account, the Town Clerk will be transferring funds from ING to PNC.

MOTION BY BOB GROVE, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

VII. Appointments - None

1. Treasurer
2. Historic Commission (1)
3. Tree Commission (1)

VIII. Commission Reports

1. Historic- meeting date: 11/16/09, meeting minutes from Oct 8th & Nov. 16th attached hereto attachment G & H)
2. Planning- meeting date 10/15/09 attached hereto as attachment F
3. Trees- 11/17/09

IX. Old Business

- a. Ordinance 2009-3: Water Service Agreement, attached hereto as attachment I.

MOTION BY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY

VOICE VOTE:

BOB GROVE: AYE
LINDSAY RICE: AYE
BETTS JACKSON: AYE
JOHN FREEMAN: AYE
KATHLEEN HARVEY: AYE

MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

- b. Ordinance 2009-4: Vacant Building Ordinance-1st reading, attached hereto as attachment J. Lengthy discussions and public comments, specifically from:
 1. C. Malcolm Cochran, IV, representing Lacy Holly.
Mr. Cochran's comments were also presented in letter form, attached hereto as attachment K.
 2. Marianna Leahy, representing her father Fred Keilkopf, compared Odessa's VBO with the City of Wilmington's.
 3. Joan Mason answered questions for the Planning Commission.

Council agreed to meet with the Planning Commission to review and discuss the Vacant Building Ordinance.

- c. Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan – Plus Review
 - 1. Mayor Harvey noted that these changes need to be sent to the State of Delaware before Council will vote.

X. New Business

- a. Transfer funds to ING
 - 1. Mayor Harvey requested a transfer of \$100,000 from PNC operating to ING.

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY BOB GROVE, TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$100,000 FROM THE PNC ACCOUNT TO THE ING ACCOUNT.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

- XI. Next Meeting's Date and Time: No meeting for January 2010, next scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council will be Monday February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Betts Jackson asked if the town has flood insurance or applied for flood insurance in the last year. Mayor Harvey will research.
- b. Mayor Harvey noted that the Town will be receiving an increase in Trash Removal.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes Submitted: _____
Date Secretary

Approved: _____
Date